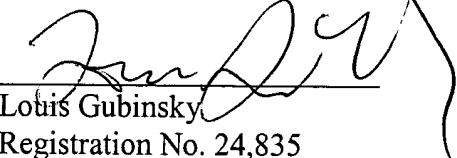


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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

11. (Amended) A method according to ~~Claims 1-10~~Claim 1, characterized in that the temperature of the pulp suspension is very high from a bleaching aspect, preferably 80-90°C, at the location at which the bleaching agent is added and immediately downstream of said location, and in that the solid content or concentration is low, preferably 2-4%, at said location.